

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

January 2013 – Week 1

Air Date: December 30 – January 5 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: BATTLE OF GALVESTON

NEW YEAR'S DAY 1863 AND CONFEDERATE TEXANS CELEBRATE... WITH A BANG!

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JANUARY 1, 1863. GALVESTON ISLAND. TO END THE UNION OCCUPATION OF GALVESTON, CONFEDERATE GENERAL JOHN B. MAGRUDER HAS DEVISED A CLEVER PLAN TO USE RIVER BOATS FORTIFIED WITH COTTONBALES TO ATTACK UNION WARSHIPS.

NEW YEAR'S NIGHT, THE CONFEDERATE COTTONCLADS STEAM ACROSS GALVESTON BAY... AND ATTACK.

AFTER FIERCE FIGHTING, CONFEDERATES BOARD AND CAPTURE THE U.S.S. HARRIET LANE AND FORCE THE U.S.S. WESTFIELD TO RUN AGROUND.

REMAINING UNION SHIPS FLEE... AND FEDERAL TROOPS ON THE ISLAND SURRENDER. GALVESTON IS ONCE AGAIN IN CONFEDERATE HANDS.

CONFEDERATES RECAPTURED GALVESTON 150 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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